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Application No.: 09/824,505
Filing Date: April 2, 2001
Applicant: Horiuchi et al.
Group Art Unit: 2833
Examiner: Edwin A. Leon
Title: Discharge Lamp, Method for Producing the Same and
Lamp Unit
Attorney Docket: 5077-000027

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Sir:

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given to the present application and the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during a telephone interviews conducted on November 24, 2003. Substance of this interview is set forth below:

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Status of the Application: Applicant recently filed request for continued examination

Participants: Examiner Edwin Leon and Tim MacIntyre

Date of Interview: November 24, 2003

Type of Interview: Telephonic

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: No
If yes, provide brief description:

Rejections to be discussed: Claims 3-5, 12, 16 and 17-22 as previously rejected under
35 U.S.C §102(b) in a final Office Action dated 7/22/03

Claims to be discussed: Claim 3

Prior art documents to be discussed: U.S. Patent No. 5,128,588 (Kameya)

Substance of Interview describing the general nature of what was discussed:

During the interview conducted on November 24, 2003, Examiner Leon and I discussed the Examiner's interpretation of the Kameya reference as applied to pending Claim 3. In particular, Applicant noted that the Kameya reference fails to disclose a corrugated structure in the metal foil 4 (e.g., see Fig. 1 in combination with accompanying description at col. 3, lines 10-11). In contrast, Claim 3 recites a discharge lamp comprised on a pair of metal foils having a corrugated structure, thereby overcoming the previous rejection of this claim.

The Examiner agreed that pending Claim 3 overcame the previous rejection, but further indicated that he needed to further discuss this issue with a supervising examiner. In the event the supervising examiner disagreed with our position, the Examiner further agreed to contact us prior to issuing a first Office Action in this matter.


Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this interview summary is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: Dec 9, 2003

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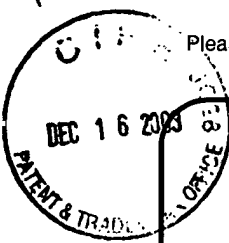
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